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SUBJ: ITALIAN PRESS COVERAGE JACOVIELLO VISA

1. ITALIAN PRESS REACTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF ISSUANCE ONE-YEAR, MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISA TO JOURNALIST ALBERTO JACOVIELLO, ALLOWING HIM OPEN L'UNITA' OFFICE IN US, HAS BEEN GENERALLY LOW-KEYED. MOST COMMENTATORS APPEAR TO HAVE ALREADY DISCOUNTED STORY, SINCE IT HAS BEEN ASSUMED BY PRESS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS THAT JACOVIELLO WOULD EVENTUALLY BE GRANTED VISA. MAIN EXCEPTION THIS LOW-KEYED TREATMENT FOUND IN L'UNITA' FRONT-PAGE STORY BY JACOVIELLO HIMSELF (JULY 24). JACOVIELLO ARGUES THAT VISA DECISION SHOWS AMERICA HAS REALIZED THAT "PRESENCE OF COMMUNISTS IN FORMATION OF LAWS AND ELABORATION OF DECISIONS AFFECTING ITALY'S FUTURE IS BY NOW INDISPENSABLE."

2. L'UNITA' BROKE VISA STORY WITH SMALL, BACKPAGE ITEM, JULY 20, CITING ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES TO EFFECT THAT WASHINGTON HAD APPROVED "NORMAL VISA ISSUED BY USA TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS OF FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS." JULY 22 L'UNITA' STORY, ALSO ON BACK PAGE, REFERRED TO "VAST ECHO IN AMERICAN PRESS ABOUT VISA FOR L'UNITA' CORRESPONDENT" (THIS STORY BRIEFLY DESCRIBED WASHINGTON POST AND NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLES ON VISA UNCLASSIFIED

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DECISION).

3. CORRIERE DELLA SERA HAD UNSIGNED, ROME-DATELINE, REPORT ON PAGE TWO, JULY 21, WITH HEADLINE: "FIRST TIME AMERICAN GOVERNMENT GRANTS LONG-TERM VISA TO REPRESENTATIVE OF WESTERN COMMUNIST PRESS." ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT MCCARRAN ACT "HAS RECENTLY BEEN INTERPRETED WITH GREATER LIBERALITY," AND LISTED OTHER

PROMINENT PCI MEMBERS IN ADDITION TO JACOVIELLO LATELY
GIVEN VISAS: FLORENCE MAYOR GABBUGGIANI, DEPUTY LIBERTINI AND
ECONOMIST SANTORO.

4. LA STAMPA'S US CORRESPONDENT VITTORIO ZUCCONI, JULY 21,
SAID THAT WASHINGTON MADE "PALE ATTEMPT PLACE EVENT IN SPHERE
OF 'ROUTINE BUSINESS,' ABOVE ALL TO AVOID HAVING TOO MUCH
SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED TO VISA. BUT EVENT HAS INTRINSIC IMPORTANCE
NO STATEMENT CAN MODIFY." ZUCCONI CONCLUDED THAT GRANTING OF
VISA IS CONSISTENT WITH CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S STATED
INTENTION TO REDUCE RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO US AND "WITH
POLICY ENUNCIATED BY CARTER TOWARD 'EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PROBLEM'
IN GENERAL."

5. LA REPUBBLICA'S PAGE-2 STORY, JULY 22, WHILE NOTING THAT
VISA DECISION CONSISTENT WITH ADMINISTRATION'S STATED INTENT

RESPECT FULL TERMS HELSINKI AGREEMENT, ADDED: "IT ALSO TRUE
THAT WASHINGTON'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PCI HAS NEVER BEEN MORE FAVORABLE
THAN IT IS NOW." AUTHOR OF ARTICLE, OLIVIERO SPINELLI, OFFERED
AS PROOF THIS CONTENTION ALLEGED PRO-PCI TESTIMONY THREE
AMERICAN ACADEMICS BEFORE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, JULY 20.

6. LA NAZIONE, ALSO HAD PAGE-2 STORY, JULY 22, HEADLINED:
"WHY A PCI JOURNALIST WILL BE US CORRESPONDENT. CONCESSION
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OF VISA DOES NOT DEPEND ON PROGRAM ACCORD, BUT RATHER ON CARTER'S
INTERNATIONAL POLICY." AUTHOR ETTORE SANZO' POINTED OUT THAT
JACOVIELLO WAS MADE TO WAIT YEAR AND THREE MONTHS FOR VISA JUST
"TO AVOID GIVING RISE TO SPECULATION THAT AMERICA HAD CHANGED
ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD PCI." FACT THAT VISA GRANTED IMMEDIATELY
AFTER SIGNING PROGRAM ACCORD, SANZO' DISMISSED AS "PURE CHANCE."
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